

whether *Pulvinaria phaiæ*, Lull, ENT. NEWS, Oct., 1899, p. 237, is not identical with *P. brassiæ*, Ckll., *Can. Ent.*, 1895, p. 135, found in the orchid *Brassia*. The slight difference apparent in the antennæ is hardly likely to be of specific value. It is further possible, to say the least, that both insects may be identical with *P. floccifera*, Westwood, as interpreted by Green in *Ent. Mo. Mag.*, 1897, p. 73.

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## A New Species of Myrmeleon from Texas.

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Recently Mr. McClendon sent me for determination some Myrmeleonidæ from Texas, among which is a new species of the genus *Myrmeleon*, as restricted. Doubtless there are several species in this genus yet to be separated out from the common *M. rusticum* Hag. This form, however, is very distinct by several points of coloration, so that there is no chance of its being confused with *M. rusticum*, which is in the same region.

### **Myrmeleon texanum** n. sp.

Head yellowish, with a large, shining black spot in front, reaching from the antennæ to the clypeus, vertex more reddish, unspotted; pronotum pale yellowish, with a broad central brown stripe, broadest behind, and in front of the furrow much narrowed and divided by a pale line; meso and metathorax dull yellow-brown, not distinctly marked, but with a broad yellow stripe each side through the bases of the wings; thorax clothed with white hair; abdomen dark brown; legs pale, somewhat reddish, without dark stripes, with black bristles and reddish spurs. Wings hyaline, the extreme bases somewhat flavescent; venation yellowish, without dark interruptions; above eight cross-veins before the origin of the radial sector, two cross-veins connecting the cubital fork to the anal vein; pterostigma rather whitish, not distinct; tips of wings acute, and the hind margin near tip is slightly sinuate.

Length 30 mm.; expanse 54 mm.

Galveston, Texas, June, 1900. Readily known from the other species by its wholly pale legs, pale pronotum, markings of head, and pale, uninterrupted venation of wings.

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Muggins—"Animal training has gotten down to a pretty fine point when we hear of educated fleas." Buggins—"Why, years ago, when I was a boy, we used to have spelling bees."